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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach
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SPECIFIC— U/M - Connections to Johann SANITZER 4

Reference: RAVA-2676; EGI-A-4041

1. At a meeting with [] on 16 June, U/M brought up V-14820 (identified EGI-A-2923), and stated that an American, presumably an intelligence operative from SAIZBURG, had visited V-14820 in early June, using as a cover story an alleged interest in Russian parachute agents whom V-14820 had interrogated during the war, but obviously being interested in SANITZER. On 10 June, another American approached V-14820, who, acting on U/M's orders, told the American he was (a) a former inmate of STEINHOFF (b) still not de-Nazified, and (c) a former police official whose one hope was reinstatement, and who therefore could not consider cooperation in intelligence matters. In fact, V-14820 is a quite active member of the U/M group, and U/M knows full well both that V-14820 was a deputy of SANITZER, and that SANITZER is reported by dubious sources to be playing some Sov IS role. He requested that US operatives leave V-14820 alone, and volunteered therewith that two other members of his VIENNA group, Subject of our MOLA-12349, and Subject of para. 1-a, EGI-A-2589 (about whom we recently queried VIEN with our EGI-A-3937) would probably be approached in the near future by AIS to determine their knowledge of SANITZER.

2. U/M further volunteered that he (too) is going around from ex-Amt IV VIEN man to the next, checking on SANITZER. I pointed out that he was not alone in this endeavor, and requested a report on these efforts, soonest. I will press to make production of this report actually occur in the near future.

3. U/M states that V-14820 has no idea where SANITZER is, nor what he is doing. (Incidentally, U/M says V-14820 feigned insanity to secure his release from Austrian prison). V-14820 was approached by someone, whose name U/M could or would not remember at the moment, whom U/M described as "an insane Communist", but U/M does not regard this as a real recruitment approach on SANITZER's part. U/M, indeed, is among the scoffers of the SANITZER-case initiates. He believes SANITZER to be in prison somewhere in the USSR, busily writing his memoirs.

4. U/M also, as addressees know, has a penetration of the Nationale Liga. U/M regards as impossible a cooperation between SLAVIK and SANITZER, and professes, to me at least, to believe that SLAVIK simply uses SANITZER's name to enhance his own reputation among ex- (and not-so-ex-) Nazi circles. U/M stated, however, that his man close to SLAVIK was also checking out the SANITZER affair.

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5. U/M further admitted that he was busy recruiting a group of retired Gestapo types in VIENNA just now (the three mentioned above provide a pretty good start), so opportunities for crossing wires with U/M in US efforts to track down the SANTIZER affair will increase with time.

6. It is requested, however, that the three gents mentioned in para. 1 above be approached, if such is desired, only through U/M, to which end we invite queries from addressees. It will probably be more effective in the long run, in any case, since U/M can exploit his own ideological purity in dealing with these lads.

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